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PSC Schedules Presentation for September 1st, 2023 from the Office of Regulatory Staff on Findings Regarding Winter Storm Elliott

Columbia, SC—The Public Service Commission of South Carolina has scheduled a presentation by the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) regarding the ORS's inspection and examination of any outages and rolling blackouts during the December 2022 Winter Storm ("Winter Storm Elliott") in the service territories of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC. Pursuant to Commission Order No. 2023-21, this presentation will begin on Friday, September 1, 2023 at 9:30 a.m., before the Public Service Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room (101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210).

This presentation comes after the January 2023 issuance of Commission Order No. 2023-21, which requested that an ORS inspection and examination investigate the following: (1) the cause(s) of any outages and blackouts, (2) communication from the Companies with customers, the media and any and all regulatory bodies, including, but not limited to SCPSC, SC ORS, FERC and/or any other state or federal agencies, either before, during or after the rolling blackouts and/or outages began, (3) the role, if any, of SEEM, (4) any lessons learned, (5) areas for improvement, if any, and (6) any additional areas which ORS deems appropriate to explore with regard to any outages and blackouts during the December 2022 Winter Storm Elliott. The Order also requested that the ORS provide a report to the Commission detailing the ORS's findings, conclusions, and recommendations resulting from the inspection and examination.

Those interested in observing the proceedings can do so by watching the PSC's livestream at this link or by listening in at the PSC's toll-free listen line by calling 1-877-312-2531 and entering the access code: 2306 156 7308.

For the most recent information regarding this docket, including any potential changes in the date scheduled above, please refer to Non-Docketed Item No. 2023-1-E at this link.

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